

1. Program Title: Correctional Health Services

Program Description:

Correctional Health Services (CHS) provides mandated healthcare services to incarcerated adults housed at the Sacramento County Main Jail and Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center. CHS is mandated by Title 15 of the California Administrative Code and by U.S. Supreme Court and California State Supreme Court rulings to provide incarcerated adults with timely access to safe and efficient medical care.

	Base	Unfunded	Funded Base	Percentage
Appropriations	\$37,164,313	\$2,444,889	\$34,719,424	6.6%
Reimbursements (-)				
Net Appropriations	37,164,313	2,444,889	34,719,424	6.6%
Revenues:				
Federal	3,085,825	0	3,085,825	0.0%
State				
Realignment	6,191,579	0	6,191,579	0.0%
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Fees	115,782	0	115,782	0.0%
Other	115,082	0	115,082	0.0%
Total Revenues	9,508,268	0	9,508,268	0.0%
Carryover				
Net Cost	\$27,656,045	\$2,444,889	\$25,211,156	8.8%
Fulltime Equivalent Positions	114.0	22.5	91.5	20.2%

Program Impact:

Over the past four fiscal years, Correctional Health Services has reduced its clinical and nursing staffing by 40% and has had to restructure its operations to only provide clinical services 8 hours a day on a Monday through Friday basis. Evening, night and weekend staffing has been limited only to covering the mandatory medical post on the acute medical floors and the medical intake area of the Main Jail. These reduced medical staffing levels have put CHS and the County at risk of violating mandated healthcare requirements under Title 15. With the implementation of the AB109 realignment legislation in 2011, CHS is experiencing even greater demand for medical services. AB109 inmates are a much greater draw on the limited medical resources due to longer incarceration terms. Actual medical costs for the AB109 population are averaging 44% more than the other inmate population. To cover this increase in services levels, CHS is experiencing increases in employee overtime, contract and temporary labor to fill the service gaps to stay compliant with Title 15 requirements. CHS requires an additional general fund augmentation of \$2.5 million in order to staff the facilities to meet Title 15 service mandates. Without this augmentation from the general fund, CHS estimates that 23 employee positions would be unfunded or deleted from the FY2013-14 budget. Approximately 13 of those positions are vacant and the remaining 10 positions are filled. These reductions will further put CHS and the County at risk for medical related lawsuits, by further increasing delays in services.

Potential Impact on other Departments/Program Partners:

The cost of outside medical services has been trending upwards since the implementation of AB109. With additional staffing reductions, CHS anticipates more inmate send outs for urgent care and emergency issues. This will result in increased medical payments to hospitals and specialty providers. With a limited treatment account budget, payments to private hospitals and providers for emergency, inpatient and specialty care services will be delayed.
